TOWN REPORT
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MASSACHUSETTS

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Officers and Committees

OF THE

TOWN OF NORTHFIELD

Franklin County
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TOWN OFFICERS

TOWN CLERK AND TREASURER

Warren J. Wright

SELECTMEN

Ernest C. Field — Fred C. Britton

Charles E. Williams

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Leon R. Alexander,	Term expires	1915
Frank L. Duley,	" "	1916
William W. Coe,	" "	1917

LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Frank L. Duley,	Term expires	1915
Roscoe H. Philbrick,	" "	19 15
Elliott W. Brown,	" "	1916
Norman P. Wood,	" "	1916
S. Catherine Richardson,	" "	1917

LIBRARIAN

Mrs. C. A. Randall

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Frank W. Wood, appointed,	Term expires	1915
C. I. Holton,	" "	1916
George N. Kidder,	" "	1917

CONSTABLES

Fred W. Doane — F. H. Watson — F. C. Britton

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Benjamin F. Field

TREE WARDEN

Martin Janes

FENCE VIEWERS

Dwight Preston F. W. Wood R. E. Shearer

FIELD DRIVERS

H. E. Stone L. A. Polhemus H. M. Bristol

POUND KEEPER

James W. Cowles

SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER

C. R. Nelson W. A. Johnson R. O. Leach
H. A. Reed George Piper H. H. Chamberlin

TAX COLLECTOR

Merrill T. Moore

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

H. H. Mason

FIRE WARDENS

C. H. Webster Fred W. Doane
George Piper F. H. Montague

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

John T. Callaghan Fred A. Holton Frank H. Montague

INSPECTORS OF PROVISIONS

F. E. Heald J. J. Fisher Frank L. Howe

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

F. E. Heald

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Fred W. Doane

TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

FRANKLIN, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Northfield in the County of Franklin. Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town, on Monday, the first day of February, 1915 at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:—

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To hear the reports of the several town officers and committees, or act thereon.

Article 3. To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year, the following to be on one ballot, viz.: Town Clerk, Treasurer, three Selectmen, one Assessor for three years, one School Committee for three years, two Library Committee for three years, one for two years, one Cemetery Commissioner for three years, three Constables, Tree Warden. Also to bring in their ballots Yes or No in answer to the following question: Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?

Article 4. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the taxes of the municipal year to an amount not exceeding the tax levy and to issue a note or notes hereafter payable within one year. Any debt or debts incurred under this note to be paid from the taxes of said municipal year, or act thereon.

Article 5. To see if the town will raise and appropriate $75.00 for Memorial Day exercises, the same to be paid to and expended by G. A. R. Post 171, or act thereon.

Article 6. To see if the town will accept the sum of one hundred dollars, the income to be used for the care of the Brigham Gage and David Clows lots in Cemetery at Northfield Farms, or act thereon.

Article 7. To see if the town will raise and appropriate $100. for the care and improvement of cemeteries, or act thereon.

Article 8. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used by the tree warden in care and preservation of shade trees, or act thereon.

Article 9. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to employ a school physician, in accordance with chapter 502, acts of 1906, or act thereon.

Article 10. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay the cost of lighting the streets, or act thereon.

Article 11. To see if the town will raise and appropriate $1770., the amount of interest and thirteenth bond on the bridge debt, or act thereon.

Article 12. To see if the town will raise and appropriate $1720. to apply on high school and Memorial Hall debt, or act thereon.

Article 13. To see if the town will raise and appropriate $1254., the amount of interest and final payment on Greenfield Savings Bank, or act thereon.

Article 14. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for street sprinkling or oiling the principal streets, or act thereon.

Article 15. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to bond its treasurer and tax collector and to what amount, or act thereon.

Article 16. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, or act thereon.

Article 17. To determine the salary of the tax collector, or act thereon.

Article 18. To see if the town will raise and appropriate

a sum of money for spraying shade trees, or act thereon.

Article 19. To see if the town will accept the Acts, Chapter 807, year 1913, an act to provide for compensating certain public employees for injuries sustained in the course of their employment, or act thereon.

Article 20. To see if the town will raise and appropriate $600. to finish off another recitation room and properly equip the same in the public school house located in that part of the town known as East Northfield.

Artice 21. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to set bound stones along the line of Birnam Road, or act thereon.

Article 22. To see if the town will vote to allow the Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library to elect their own Treasurer in accordance with Chapter 38, Section 7, 8 and 9 of the Revised Statutes.

Article 23. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to sufficiently light Maple Street from Plain Street to the driveway of Frank B. Holton, 2nd.

Article 24. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for lights at the Unitarian Church yard.

Article 25. To see if the town will vote to elect one or more road commissioners, or act thereon.

Article 26. To determine the salary of Town Accountant.

Article 27. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of $500. to purchase a chemical fire extinguisher, or act thereon.

Article 28. To see if the town will raise and appropriate $574.74 to pay for planking Bennett's Meadow Bridge, or act thereon.

Article 29. To see if the town will raise and appropriate $200 for street lights on main road south through the Farms to Erving line, or act thereon.

Article 30. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money not exceeding $200, to erect a permanent booth in town hall for picture shows.

Article 31. To see if the town will rescind the vote of

last year regarding the printing the valuation yearly, or act thereon.

Article 32. To see if the town will employ an attorney to defend the town in all suits, or act thereon.

Article 33. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to cooperate with the State Highway Commission, in building a section of State improved Highway, on road from Northfield to Millers Falls, beginning at the Erving line near the house of W. W. Parsons and thence northerly towards Northfield, or act thereon.

Article 34. To see if the town will vote to have the office of the Town Clerk and Treasurer located within 100 rods of the Belcher Memorial Fountain and to be open every week day from 11 a. m. to 3 p. m., or to act thereon.

Article 35. To see if the town will vote to maintain an electric light on Glenwood Avenue, or act thereon.

Article 36. To see if the town will vote to make an appropriation for repairing the No. 3 school house or act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at The Post Offices in Northfield, East Northfield, Northfield Farms, West Northfield, and at the School House in District No. 6, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this nineteenth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifteen.

Ernest C. Field
Fred C. Britton
Charles E. Williams
} Selectmen of Northfield.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

We submit the following report of expenditures for the past eleven months and we have endeavored to keep within the appropriations and do what was necessary for the best interests of the town. Harmony seemed to prevail in town affairs for the past year, so much so that there has been no call for advice from an attorney on any question whatever. Owing to the continued dry weather and the heavy traffic on our highways during the summer some of our roads were badly rutted, but soon as wet weather favored us the roads were scraped and rough places smoothed over. Without the use of water and oil it is an impossibility to make a road with our material at hand that will stand the automobile traffic. Our roads are in fair condition now, including bridges and railings. The south abutment of the bridge over Mill Brook at the south end of Main Street must be overhauled this season, it being laid up with logs which are badly decayed and is unsafe for the coming year. It will require a new stone abutment or a concrete structure. The oil used on the roads last season helped preserve them to a great extent as well as being free from dust. We would recommend even a larger amount for the coming season. The County Commissioners had the Bennett's Meadow bridge thoroughly examined and ordered the same replanked, which has been done with hard pine, and we hope it will last a number of years. The overhead bridge at West Northfield has been double planked by the R. R. Co., and in the future the upper planking must be cared for by the town. We are not burdened with a very large number of poor at the present time and the expenses in that department are not very heavy. We endeavored to have

all bills against the town presented for settlement at the end of the year, there being but a very few unpaid. There is no call for excessive appropriations for the coming year.

ERNEST C. FIELD,
FRED C. BRITTON,
CHARLES E. WILLIAMS,
Selectmen.

HIGHWAYS—LABOR AND TEAMS

R. Dresser,	$ 8 33
R. E. Long,	29 61
C. L. Farnsworth,	32 49
R. E. Kenney,	1 60
G. C. Bishop,	12 00
A. M. Dunnell,	1 50
Cyrus Hale,	2 00
C. V. Tenney, teams,	11 00
G. W. Piper, teams,	24 55
C. A. Parker, teams,	4 50
F. A. Bigelow,	3 00
John Dale,	4 55
John Dalton, team,	6 04
Ervin Perry,	14 95
Otis A. Fisher, teams,	64 50
E. Cosgrove,	2 00
R. Dresser,	4 00
J. E. Ross, snow,	1 00
A. W. Mead, snow,	4 50
H. F. Carr, snow,	20 24

G. W. Piper, teams,	35 77
C. I. Holton,	52 79
Frank King,	3 00
R. E. Long, team,	64 66
A. W. Mead, team,	10 50
G. O. Dunnell, team,	18 00
F. W. Williams, team,	2 50
E. C. Field,	22 25
M. A. Church,	2 10
C. I. Tenney,	9 00
T. Quinlan, team,	30 00
C. W. Stratton,	8 22
J. Ross,	10 00
F. Kenney,	2 00
E. Cosgrove,	16 45
W. Atwood,	2 00
W. Kenney,	2 00
J. Dalton, team,	9 00
G. Miller,	4 50
C. C. Morgan,	4 00
A. Whittaker,	15 55
C. Wilkinson,	5 33
F. W. Ross,	10 00
L. Fisher,	1 87
R. M. Shearer, team,	21 00
H. Browning,	3 00
R. E. Long, team,	62 80
O. I. Fisher, team,	47 75
E. Perry,	19 45
O. I. Fisher, team,	24 75
E. Cosgrove,	10 00
E. Perry,	11 00
C. E. Stearns,	15 00

C. Strange,	4 00
H. C. Holton,	25 00
O. Fisher,	13 50
E. Cosgrove,	6 00
E. Perry,	6 00
B. E. Janes,	8 35
F. L. Tyler,	1 25
C. W. Stratton,	89
F. W. Ruggles,	9 00
O. Darling,	12 00
H. Browning,	22 00
G. Miller,	2 50
R. E. Shearer, team,	38 11
C. I. Tenney, team,	39 00
J. Allen, gravel,	4 10
A. Whittaker,	11 55
E. Thornton,	11 55
E. Perry,	6 00
F. Tenney,	7 00
E. Cosgrove,	2 00
O. I. Fisher, team,	22 00
F. E. Hart,	3 62
J. L. Fisher,	29 77
C. C. Morgan,	5 00
R. E. Shearer,	6 32
J. R. Colton,	7 00
C. A. Ware,	7 00
L. W. Pratt,	8 75
F. Kenney,	7 00
O. I. Fisher,	7 00
J. T. Thorne,	5 20
I. Toole,	62 25
F. C. Britton, teams,	147 28

F. H. Montague,	45 90
C. L. Johnson,	25 70
E. Thornton,	4 00
A. Whittaker,	2 00
T. Quinlan, team,	1 00
C. I. Tenney, team,	9 00
E. C. Field, labor and team,	33 50
F. C. Britton,	391 75
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F. C. Britton, teams,	164 58
J. R. Colton,	1 00
C. A. Parker,	7 50
L. A. Randall,	2 00
F. H. Montague, teams,	6 75
O. L. Fisher,	19 50
Roy Dresser,	2 00
Frank Kenney,	8 00
Ervin Perry,	6 00
F. C. Britton, teams,	63 25
T. Quinlan,	15 00
F. A. Bigelow,	10 00
James Allen, gravel,	80
Total,	$2566 27

PLANKS AND POSTS

F. W. Williams,	$ 8 94
C. A. Parker,	51 42
T. Quinlan,	19 18
T. Quinlan,	33 75
Total,	$113 29

Fencing

H. Shipman,	$ 3 85
H. C. Holton,	16 14
I. F. Alexander,	1 52
T. Quinlan,	40 50
Total,	$62 01

Gravel

L. Miller,	$ 4 12
E. C. Whitney,	8 00
G. M. Starkweather Estate,	24 20
J. Allen,	2 00
F. A. Adams,	2 71
F. E. Aldrich,	9 70
Total,	$50 73

Tools and Repairs

F. I. Webster, scraper,	$ 7 00
N. E. Metal Culvert Co., culvert, couplings, etc.,	137 34
F. I. Webster,	2 60
N. E. Road Machine Co.,	10 85
F. W. Wilbur,	11 63
Total,	$169 42

Sundries

A. Wallett, mason work,	$ 9 00
C. E. Williams, spikes, etc.,	7 11

C. L. Johnson, repairs water tank,		2 15
A. D. Potter, cement,		1 10
C. E. Williams, nails, etc.,		9 78
Total,		$29 14
Total highway,		$2990 86
Appropriation,	$3000 00	
Received for posts, etc.,	46 10	

CONTINGENT

Selectmen

Ernest C. Field,	$ 82 00
Frank W. Kellogg,	100 00
Charles A. Parker,	50 00
F. C. Britton,	11 00
Hobbs & Warren, supplies,	65
Hobbs & Warren, supplies,	4 38
C. E. Williams,	2 73
C. E. Williams, telephone, etc.,	59
E. C. Field,	8 25
Total,	$259 60

Treasurer and Clerk

Cecil T. Bagnall,	$ 3 14
Cecil T. Bagnall,	2 89
G. W. Todd, check protector,	29 40
C. T. Bagnall,	1 59
C. T. Bagnall,	1 59
Salary and expenses,	521 53
Total,	$560 14

Town Accountant

B. F. Field,	$300 00
Stationery,	5 00
Total,	$305 00

Assessors

S. C. Holton,	$ 69 50
Expense,	4 73
Postage,	10 00
A. W. Brownell, supplies,	6 55
C. H. Webster, notary,	1 00
C. A. Ware,	102 00
F. L. Tyler,	93 00
S. C. Holton,	124 50
F. L. Tyler,	2 50
Total,	$413 78

Election and Registrars

Fred A. Holton,	$ 8 75
H. W. Russell,	2 50
F. W. Doane,	2 50
J. W. Field,	2 50
F. E. Aldrich,	2 50
J. T. Callaghan,	11 25
J. T. Cummings,	2 50
R. D. Ware,	7 50
H. W. Russell,	2 50
J. W. Field,	2 50
F. H. Montague, Registrar,	11 25

H. W. Russell,	2 50
J. W. Field,	2 50
F. E. Aldrich,	5 00
C. E. Leach,	5 00
Total,	$71 25

Constable and Police

F. H. Watson,	$ 2 50
F. W. Doane,	6 00
F. W. Doane,	6 00
F. H. Watson,	2 50
A. Wallett,	2 50
F. W. Doane,	5 50
F. W. Doane,	23 50
Total,	$48 50

Inspector of Meats

F. E. Heald,	$ 64 00
F. E. Heald,	35 75
F. E. Heald,	16 50
F. L. Howe,	20 00
J. J. Fisher,	11 50
F. L. Howe,	10 50
Total,	$158 25

Received from State, $32.00

Fire Warden

F. W. Doane,	$20 00
M. S. Sawyer,	1 25
G. W. Piper,	1 60
G. W. Piper,	13 25
F. W. Doane,	31 00
Total,	$67 10

Sealer of Weights

The Fairbanks Co.,	$ 1 90
J. R. Colton	12 50
A. W. Brownell,	3 00
J. Sutherland,	29 00
W. & L. E. Gurlie,	33 55
C. E. Williams,	1 55
W. & L. E. Gurlie,	45
Fairbanks Co.,	1 90
N. W. Keet,	2 00
Total,	$84 85

Bills contracted in 1913.

Town Hall

Greenfield Electric,	$ 4 18
Greenfield Electric,	6 82
F. E. Alrich, wood,	5 00
C. E. Williams,	1 30
H. M. Smith, labor, wood,	1 00

Greenfield Electric,	2 09
Greenfield Electric,	35
E. Proctor, wood,	90
C. E. Williams,	3 08
Greenfield Electric,	2 20
Greenfield Electric,	2 97
L. Fowler,	6 72
Lovell & Brown, cement,	1 75
Greenfield Electric,	7 41
Greenfield Electric, wiring shed,	31 00
H. H. Mason,	4 50
Holden & Martin,	21 06
F. C. Britton, coal,	50 97
C. E. Williams,	15 73
Greenfield Electric,	2 42
Greenfield Electric,	4 73
H. M. Bristol, gutters,	30 38
H. H. Mason, janitor,	118 00
Greenfield Electric,	5 36
Total,	$331 35

Received for rents, $246.00

Brown Tail Moth

F. A. Bigelow,	$ 58 00
John Dale,	48 00
F. W. Doane,	40 00
F. L. Proctor,	22 00
Northfield Press, printing,	2 85
Total,	$170 85

Poor—Miscellaneus

Franklin County Hospital,		$ 34 50
Lakeville Sanitarium,		48 00
Montague, burial,		20 00
Athol,		33 56
C. H. Webster, notary fee,		1 00
Franklin County Hospital,		65 00
C. E. Williams, clothing,		21 87
G. W. Kidder, ambulance,		12 00
Total,		$235 93
Board and care,		575 50
Groceries, etc.,		136 97
Medicines,		11 74
Medical attendance,		44 50
Total,		$1004 64
May Received A. A. Dunklee,	$ 4 32	
Dec. Received Warwick,	77 00	
Total,	$81 32	
Due on account, Martha Holton, (Since paid)	$92 89	

Miscellaneous

Northfield Water Co.,	$ 35 00
Malone & Stoddard, attorneys, 1912, 1913,	51 05
Postage Town Reports,	12 00
Press, printing,	229 75

Certifying note,	2 00
C. H. Webster, insurance,	45 00
W. Fisher, Belcher fountain,	3 86
Press,	2 65
Malone & Stoddard, attorneys, 1913,	40 00
E. J. Thayer, water, W. N.,	5 00
J. T. Cummings, signs,	13 10
Certifying note,	2 00
Press, bill heads,	1 00
N. W. Keet, repairing tools,	2 00
F. W. Williams, labor,	4 50
Northfield Water Co.,	35 00
C. E. Williams, supplies,	11 03
Northfield Press, spitting notices,	6 00
J. W. Barber, repairing fire hydrant,	4 50
Greenfield Electric, wiring hose house,	5 71
Northfield Hose Co.,	37 08
E. C. Field, water, Farms,	5 00
C. H. Webster, insurance,	50 00
M. T. Moore, on account,	100 00
H. M. Bristol, repairing hose, etc.,	15 08
Bureau of Statistics, certify,	2 00
H. V. Martineau, repairing sprayer,	8 00
W. C. Fisher, Belcher fountain,	2 97
Robbins & Evans, Farms hall,	1 29
Central Vermont, freight, snow plow,	1 12
C. E. Williams, hose house,	4 10
H. H. Mason, town clock,	26 25
N. E. Road Co., snow plow,	68 70
G. N. Kidder, hearse, teams,	20 00
Total,	$852 74

Miscellaneous

Street Lights

Greenfield Electric,		$1263 95
Appropriation,	$1200 00	
Received for lights,	64 65	

Munn's Ferry

Town of Gill, one-half cost of new boat,	$200 00
Ferry man,	100 00
Sundry supplies and labor,	62 41
Total,	$362 41

Gill pays one-half of $162.41.

There is a bill coming from Gill for half expense of Gill ferry.

Bennett's Meadow Bridge

Central Vt. R. R., freight and plank,	$ 111 79
Fitchburg Hardware Co., spikes,	18 80
G. McQuestion, planks,	710 18
G. E. Pellisier, engineer,	150 00
H. H. Mason, carpenter's work,	106 42
C. E. Williams, spikes,	3 06
E. C. Field, inspector, expense,	15 21
F. C. Britton, teaming,	26 52
L. R. Smith, planks,	7 50
Total,	$1149 48
Appropriated	$2000 00
One-half cost due from other towns,	$574 74

Hugh A. Hill,		$ 21 50
Martin Janes,		12 50
R. Brigham,		12 50
Thompson Chemical Co.,		5 00
Thompson Chemical Co.,		14 25
M. A. Janes,		4 75
N. W. Keet,		1 55
N. W. Keet,		19 27
Northfield Press,		5 75
M. A. Janes,		3 83
Thompson Chemical Co.,		14 25
Force Pumping Co.,		15 27
Force Pumping Co.,		9 00
C. E. Williams,		2 40
Hugh A. Hill,		45 00
A. A. Holton,		10 00
M. A. Janes,		35 00
F. A. Bigelow,		30 00
R. Bigelow,		25 00
T. Quinlan,		15 00
F. L. Proctor,		27 00
Force Pump Co.,		1 30
Total,		$330 12
Appropriation,	$200 00	
Received from State,	72 50	
From sundry as below,	55 00	
Total,	$327 50	
Amount due,	10 00	
		$337 50

Received for Spraying from

G. L. Foreman,	$ 50	C. H. Eddy,	$ 4 00
J. A. Stebbins,	7 50	S. Minot,	1 50
F. C. Britton,	9 00	F. H. Doolittle,	3 00
G. N. Kidder,	1 50	D. Baright,	1 50
C. I. Warner,	1 50	S. McKenzie,	4 00
B. F. Field,	1 50	M. A. Janes,	2 00
N. P. Wood,	2 00	C. Keet,	2 00
R. E. Long,	2 00	O. Day,	1 50
C. E. Williams,	2 00	L. Davis,	50
L. R. Alexander,	1 50	F. B. Holton,	50
G. E. Morse,	2 00	M. Abbott,	50
F. E. Heald,	3 00		
Total,			$55 00

Pine Meadow Road

A. W. Ward,	$14 00
L. C. Miller,	8 00
C. C. Morgan,	3 11
A. Whittaker,	10 00
A. Wilkinson,	2 00
F. W. Ross,	10 00
C. Wilkinson,	6 89
E. Thornton,	4 89
F. W. Ruggles,	2 00
C. A. Morgan,	4 00
E. C. Field,	6 75
F. W. Ross,	6 00
F. C. Britton,	13 00
Total,	$90 64
Appropriation,	$300 00

Grade Crossing, West Northfield

B. & M. R. R.,		$2065 59
Appropriated,	$2065 59	

Official Bonds

C. H. Webster,		$108 00
Appropriated,	$120 00	

Street Sprinkling

Gulf Refining Co.,		$443 39
F. C. Britton,		69 45
Massachusetts Highway Commission,		95 00
C. L. Johnson, repairs,		5 80
Gulf Refining Co.,		379 63
Total,		$993 27
Appropriation,	$700 00	
Received from abuttors,	295 00	
Total,	$995 00	

Due from abuttors, $12.00.

Warwick Avenue Railing

A. Wallett,		$10 50
F. C. Britton,		64 50
Total,		$75 00
Appropriation,	$75 00	

Memorial Day

Henry H. Johnson Post, G. A. R.,		$75 00
Appropriation,	$75 00	

State Aid

Sundry persons,		$314 00
Balance to credit, $268.00.		

Tree Warden

F. A. Bieglow,		$ 19 00
M. A. Janes,		7 50
F. A. Bigelow,		4 00
F. L. Proctor,		1 50
Hugh A. Hill,		4 50
R. Brigham,		4 00
M. A. Janes,		9 35
F. A. Bigelow,		2 00
F. A. Janes,		4 00
B. E. Janes,		14 15
R. Brigham,		30 00
Total,		$100 00
Appropriation,	$100 00	

Cemeteries

Sundry labor,		$285 78
Tools, etc.,		12 40
Total,		$298 38
Appropriation,	$150 00	
Interest,	351 09	
Total,	$401 09	

Net Bonded Debt

High School,	$1000 00
B. Meadow bridge,	1000 00
Refunding loan,	1200 00
Total,	$3200 00

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN

Assets

Taxes due 1912,	$ 646 43
1913,	685 01
1914,	4,966 07
For planking B. M. bridge,	574 74
Cash in treasury,	1,992 03
Total,	$8,864 28

Liabilities

Outstanding loan,	$5,000 00
E. C. Field, selectman,	75 00
C. E. Williams,	75 00
F. C. Britton,	75 00
B. F. Field, accountant,	307 50
Northfield Press, valuation,	115 00
Total,	$5,647 50

Bonded Debt

High School,	$16,000 00
B. Meadow bridge,	22,000 00
Refunding loan,	1,200 00
Total,	$39,200 00

Recapitulation

1914		Dr.
March 1	Balance cash,	$ 3,706 46
	Temporary loans,	18,000 00
	Tax 1911 account,	160 68
	Tax 1913 account,	3,550 00
	Tax 1914 account,	25,700 00
	Schools,	1,695 98
	State tax refund,	764 82
	State aid,	376 00
	Interest, library,	1,115 00
	Interest, cemeteries,	217 35
	Interest, Alexander estate,	5 58
	Poor,	81 32
	Street lights,	64 65
	Cemetery lots,	81 00
	Spraying trees,	127 50
	Street sprinkling,	295 00
	Inspection animals,	32 00
	Rents, Town Hall,	246 00
	Rents, Union Hall,	28 00
	Refund Robbins & Evans' hall,	1 29
	Licenses,	18 00
	Assessors' account,	11 00
	B. Meadow bridge,	29 96
	Sale of poles,	16 14
	Logs clearing ferry,	36 00
	Library bond,	530 00
	Total,	$56,889 73

Recapitulation

1914		Cr.
March 1	Schools,	$ 9,344 93
	Highways,	2,990 86
	Contingent,	3,323 41
	Poor,	1,004 64
	Library,	1,602 69
	Cemeteries,	298 38
	Memorial Day,	75 00
	Pine Meadow road,	90 64
	Munn's ferry,	362 41
	Interest,	2,016 26
	Temporary loans,	17,500 00
	State aid,	314 00
	Street lights,	1,263 95
	County tax,	3,215 72
	State tax,	3,448 35
	Street sprinkling,	993 27
	Spraying trees,	355 12
	B. Meadow bridge, plank,	1,149 48
	W. Northfield grade crossing,	2,065 59
	Official bonds,	108 00
	Tree warden,	100 00
	Warwick avenue,	75 00
	Bonded debt,	3,200 00
	Town warrants,	$54,897 70
	Balance cash,	1,992 03
	Total,	$56,889 73

Benjamin F. Field,
Town Accountant.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Town of Northfield in Account with W. J. Wright, Treasurer

Cr.

By balance from previous year's account,	$3,706 46
By cash from town of Gill, account B. M. bridge,	14 98
By cash from town of Montague, account B. M. bridge,	9 99
By cash from town of Warwick, account B. M. bridge,	4 99
By cash from Frank W. Kellogg, account electric lights,	6 00
By cash from George N. Kidder, account cemetery lots,	81 00
By cash from Samuel C. Holton, account assessment error,	11 00
By cash from Greenfield Savings Bank, account temporary loan,	8,000 00
By cash from E. C. Field, account F. Lane cemetery fund, interest,	5 33
By cash from James T. Cummings, account auctioneer's license,	2 00
By cash from Greenfield Savings Bank, account surplus revenue, interest (schools),	114 08
By cash from Greenfield Savings Bank, account cemetery fund, interest:—	

S. and A. Holton,	$14 26	
J. L. Mattoon,	7 13	
James Pickard,	7 16	
Levi Fay,	10 68	
Sarah Minot,	10 68	
Lois Stratton,	113 09	
		63 00

By cash from Franklin Savings Institution account:—

Belcher Trust fund, interest to Center schools,	$40 40	
Belcher Trust fund, interest to Center cemetery,	40 40	
Belcher Trust fund, interest to Dickinson Mem. library,	5 58	
		86 38
		$12,105 21

By cash from Franklin Savings Institution, account fund, interest:

Amanda Alexander,	$8 08	
A. M. D. Alexander,	12 12	
Miss Gang,	4 04	
A. Moody,	4 04	
E. and E. Stratton,	4 04	
Wm. H. Stratton,	4 04	
A. Sawyer,	4 04	
James White,	4 04	
		44 44

By cash from A. A. Dunklee, account poor,	4 32	
By cash from sale of Stockton gas and electric bond,	530 00	
By cash from F. L. Proctor, account electric lights,	11 73	
By cash from Greenfield Savings Bank, account temporary loans,	5,000 00	
By cash from State Treasurer, account gypsy moth,	72 50	
By cash from Northfield Hotel Co.,	80 00	
By cash from Howard & Wood, account oil,	8 00	
By cash from State Treasurer, account tuition,	6 50	
By cash from State Treasurer, account inspection animals,	32 00	
By cash from E. W. Brown, account oil,	7 00	
By cash from E. C. Field, account peddlers' licenses,	12 00	
By cash from R. G. Sauter, account pool licenses,	2 00	
By cash from Northfield Seminary,	196 00	
By cash from M. A. Janes, account spraying,	55 00	
By cash from Chas. E. Williams, account oil,	4 00	
By cash from W. E. Cram, account auctioneer's license,	2 00	
		6,065 49

By cash from Belcher Trust fund, coupons to Dickinson Memorial Library,		$370 00	745 00
By cash from Belcher Trust fund, coupons to Center School,		30 00	56 00
By cash from Belcher Trust fund, coupons to Center cemetery,		30 00	31 18
By cash from State Treasurer:			
Corporation tax,	$401 28		
Corporation tax,	233 47		
National Bank tax,	130 07		
State aid,	376 00		
High School tuition,	5 00		
		1,640 82	
By cash from Greenfield Savings Bank, account temporary loan,		5,000 00	
By cash from R. L. Watson, account Superintendent of Schools,		500 00	
By cash from F. C. Britton, account electric lights,		11 73	
By cash from New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co.,		16 14	
By cash from town of Warwick, account gates,		77 00	
By cash from Whithed & Simonds, account cemetery, interest,		3 00	
By cash from Robbins & Evans, account error,		1 29	
By cash from Conn. Valley Lumber Co.,		36 00	
By cash from Charles S. Warner, account electric lights,		35 19	

By cash from Benjamin F. Field, account Town Hall,	246 00	
By cash from E. C. Field, account Union Hall,	28 00	
By cash from L. R. Alexander, account schools,	449 00	
By cash from M. T. Moore, account 1911 tax (settled),	160 68	
By cash from M. T. Moore, account 1913 tax,	3,550 00	
By cash from M. T. Moore, account 1914 tax,	25,700 00	37,886 85
Total,		$56,889 73

Dr.

To cash paid treasury warrants,	$54,897 70	
To cash balance on hand,	1,992 03	
		$56,889 73

WARREN J. WRIGHT,
Treasurer.

Northfield, Mass., Jan. 1st, 1915.

TREASURER'S REPORT ON TRUST FUNDS

Cemetery Funds in Greenfield Savings Bank

No. 19838	S. A. Holton,	$200 00
No. 20865	J. L. Mattoon,	100 00
No. 12719	James Pickard,	100 00
No. 15962	Levi Fay,	150 00
No. 12806	Sarah Minot,	150 00
No. 23751	Lois Stratton,	100 00

Cemetery Funds in Franklin Savings Institution

No. 18761	Charles Alexander,	$200 00
No. 28960	James White,	100 00
No. 26642	A. M. D. Alexander,	300 00
No. 31621	Miss Gang,	100 00
No. 17631	Adaline W. Moody,	100 00
No. 14540	E. and E. Stratton,	100 00
No. 16813	A. and A. Sawyer,	100 00
No. 17136	William H. Stratton,	100 00
No. 29987	M. A. and E. Belcher,	1,000 00
No. 36794	Elijah E. Belding,	100 00
No. 36793	Elijah Belding,	125 00
No. 36875	Lucy M. Webster,	500 00

Greenfield Savings Bank

No. 1894	Surplus Revenue (Schools),	$1,600 00

Franklin Savings Institution

No. 29986	M. A. and E. Belcher Center School,	$1,000 00

Belcher Trust Funds to Dickinson Memorial Library

No. 10132	(5) B. C. D. E. F. Bonds Interstate Mtg. Trust Co. Interest April and October, 6%,	$5,000 00
No. 792	Southern Bell Tel. and Tel. Co. Interest July and January, 5%,	500 00
No. 8229	Consolidated Gas, E. Light and Power Co. Interest January and July, 4½%,	1,000 00
No. 12806	12381 (2) So. California (2). Interest January and July, 5%,	2,000 00

No. 9745	Interstate. Interest June and December, 6%,	2,000 00
No. 749	Topeka Edison Co. Interest January and July, 5%,	1,000 00
No. 2173	Minneapolis Gas. Interest March and September, 5%,	1,000 00
No. 2494	Joplin and Pitts. Rail Co. Interest March and September, 5%,	1,000 00
No. 32450	Franklin Savings Ins.,	138 42
Total,		$13,638 42

No. 11472	Bond. Interstate Belcher Center School,	$1,000 00
No. 11519	Bond. Interstate Belcher Center Cemetery,	1,000 00

Respectfully submitted,
W. J. WRIGHT,
Treasurer.

Northfield, Mass., Jan. 1st, 1915.

ASSESSORS' TABULATED REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1914

Value of assessed real estate,	$1,257,734 00
Value of assessed personal estate,	230,860 00
Total,	$1,488,594 00

Number of polls assessed,	423
Number of horses assessed,	391

Number of cows assessed,	522
Number of neat cattle other than cows,	267
Number of sheep assessed,	54
Number of swine assessed,	83
Number of dwellings assessed,	569
Number of acres of land assessed,	19,652

Appropriations

Memorial Day,	$75 00	
Cemeteries,	$150 00	
Bennett's Meadow bridge debt,	1,805 00	
Grade crossing,	1,820 00	
Memorial Hall,	1,765 00	
Greenfield Savings Bank,	1,308 00	
Schools in general,	7,500 00	
Library,	335 00	
Electric lights,	1,200 00	
Highways,	3,000 00	
Contingent and poor,	4,125 00	
Official bonds,	120 00	
Tree warden,	100 00	
School physician,	50 00	
Street sprinkling,	700 00	
Posts and rails,	75 00	
Pine Meadow road repairs,	300 00	
Spraying trees,	200 00	
Grade crossing,	245 59	
		$24,873 59

State tax,	$3,325 00
State highway tax,	116 16

County tax,	3,215 72	
Overlay,	129 42	
		6,786 30
		$31,659 89

Raised on personal estate,	$ 4,778 80	
Raised on real estate,	26,035 09	
Raised on polls,	846 00	
		$31,659 89

SAMUEL C. HOLTON,
CLINTON A. WARE,
F. LESLIE TYLER,
Assessors of Northfield.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE A. M. D. ALEXANDER FUND FOR 1914

Balance on hand Feb. 10, 1914,		$ 46 15
Rents collected since Feb. 10, 1914,		223 17
Total,		$269 32
Paid cash as per vouchers,	$177 16	
Balance on hand,		$92 16

N. P. WOOD,
For the Trustees.

The above account examined and found to compare with voucher.

BENJAMIN F. FIELD,
Town Accountant.

Northfield, Jan. 13, 1915.

Distribution Elisha Alexander Fund

Mrs. Arad Stratton,	$ 5 00
Mrs. Dwight Smith,	5 00
Emma and Hattie Hilliard,	5 00
Mrs. John Pratt,	10 00
Mrs. Jennie Davis,	10 00
Mrs. A. W. Wallett,	10 00

Ernest C. Field,
Fred C. Britton,
Charles E. Williams,
Selectmen.

Report of Library Trustees

The Trustees of Dickinson Memorial Library submit the following report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1914.

Financial Statement

Balance from 1913,	$103 33
Appropriation,	335 00
Interest on bonds,	1,1115 00
Sale of bond,	530 00
Total,	$2,083 33

Librarian,	$177 00
Janitor,	150 00
Books and periodicals,	274 54
Binding,	39 06

Fuel,	174 04
Light,	24 32
Repairs,	45 85
Insurance,	187 50
Boiler inspection,	2 00
Paid for bond,	502 38
Farms Library,	26 00
Total,	$1,602 69
Balance,	480 64
	$2,083 33

List of Periodicals and Newspapers

American
Atlantic Monthly
Century
Collier's
Country Gentleman
Everybody's
Good Housekeeping
Greenfield Recorder
Harper's Magazine
Harper's Weekly
Independent
Literary Digest
McClure's
Northfield Press
Outlook
Popular Mechanics
Review of Reviews
Saturday Evening Post.

Scribner's
St. Nicholas
Survey
Technical World
World's Work
Youth's Companion

A Children's Room has been opened and several new books bought for children's use. Additions will be made at once. A six-volume set of books containing excellent reference material for school work can be found in this room. The teachers in our schools are earnestly requested to suggest books that will facilitate their pupils' work and interest them in wider courses of reading.

The ladies have volunteered to meet the children of the fourth, fifth and sixth grades Saturdays from 3 to 4 o'clock p.m., to interest and instruct them in the best and most profitable uses of the Library.

In response to requests from residents, the Library was opened every afternoon on week-days during the months of July and August. This enlargement of our service was a success in every way.

The Librarian reports that the use of the reading room has been doubled by the eagerness of our readers to inform themselves on the issues and incidents of the present war in Europe.

Relics Given

Mrs. Mary Driscol: Gun and two powder cans.
Mrs. Sarah Dickinson: Picture of Abraham Lincoln.
Mr. Owen Washburn: Pamphlet.

Books Given

S. H. Alexander,	2 books
Rev. George Witte,	3 books
Miss Hubbell,	1 book
Mrs. Sarah Dickinson,	21 books
United States Government and State of Massachusetts,	24 books
	51 books

The Trustees avail themselves of this occasion to express their appreciation of the earnest and effective services of Mr. John R. Howard, former Secretary of the Trustees, who severed his connection with the work by his removal from town at the beginning of the year.

Your Trustees ask for an appropriation for the year ensuing of $300.00.

NORMAN P. WOOD,
ELLIOT W. BROWN,
S. CATHARINE RICHARDSON,
ROSCOE H. PHILBRICK,
FRANK L. DULEY, *Sec'y*,
Library Trustees.

Librarian's Report for Year Ending Dec. 31, 1914

Volumes in Library last report,		7,743
Purchased past year,		120
Given past year,		51
Discarded as worn out,		50
Total in Library,		7,864
Number of families patrons of Library,		255
Individual patrons,		71
Number of books taken by families,		11,565
Number of books taken by public schools,		258
Number of books taken by visitors,		326
Magazines circulated,		1,880
Total circulation,		14,029
Balance on hand last report,	$ 26	
Received for lighting hall,	3 00	
Received check from Trustees,	1 04	
Received from Miss Taintor, gift,	1 00	
Fines collected,	13 40	
		$18 70
Paid electric light bill,	$4 90	
Cards and printing,	2 50	
Freight,	75	
Incidental expenses,	5 50	
		13 65
Balance,		$ 5 05

Publications subscribed for in reading room,	27
Publications given,	11
Number of readers using room,	3,024

Mrs. C. A. Randall,
Librarian.

Report of Cemetery Commissioners for 1914

We submit our report for the past year for consideration. The cemeteries have had the usual care as in the past, and we would recommend that the same amount ($150) be raised and appropriated for the care of the cemeteries for the coming year.

Paid for Care of Cemeteries

Ralph Brigham,	$34 40
George N. Kidder,	75 70
C. E. Williams,	7 15
D. H. Janes,	21 54
D. H. Janes,	15 55
C. I. Holton,	18 25
D. H. Janes,	6 40
N. W. Keet,	4 25
D. H. Janes,	36 00
N. W. Keet,	1 00
F. V. Wood,	22 10
Oren Darling,	12 52
E. Thornton,	7 52
G. N. Kidder,	36 00
Total,	$298 38
Balance, Jan. 1, 1915,	102 71
Total,	$401 09
March 1, 1914 Balance,	$ 36 74
Appropriation,	150 00
Interest fund,	214 35
	$401 09

We have unpaid bills, which by error did not get in:

L. O. Clapp,	$24 00
Ohio Clay Co.,	62 00
Total,	$86 00
Balance,	16 71
Total,	$102 71
Jan. 1, 1915 Balance,	$102 71

Received for Sale of Lots

West Northfield,	$ 4 00
Central,	17 00
Total,	$21 00

We have several deeds on hand which have not been paid for. We wish the parties would call and pay for them.

GEORGE N. KIDDER,
C. I. HOLTON,
F. V. WOOD,
GEORGE N. KIDDER, *Clerk.*
Cemetery Commissioners.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

FRANKLIN SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Northfield in the County of Franklin, GREETING.

IN THE NAME OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Town of Northfield, on Thursday, the 30th day of April, 1914, at two-fifteen o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles:—

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To see if the Town will choose an agent to prosecute and defend the Town in all suits which may come up, or act thereon.

ART. 3. To see if the Town will raise the sum of $245.59 in addition to the sum of $1820.00 raised at the annual meeting for the payment of the Town's share of cost of Grade Crossing at West Northfield, or act thereon.

ART. 4. To see if the Town will adopt the provisions of Chapter 452, Acts of 1908, and of Chapter 289, Acts of 1909, relative to oiling the streets, or act thereon.

ART 5. To see if the Town will vote to assess any or all of the appropriation of $700 voted at the last annual Town meeting for oiling the streets upon the abutting estates, or act thereon.

ART. 6. To see if the Town will reimburse the Town Clerk for charges and expenses incurred before the District Court, in preparing the 1913 Australian Ballot for Town affairs, or act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at the following Post Offices: Northfield, East Northfield, West Northfield, Northfield Farms and School House District No. 6 in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this Eighteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fourteen.

ERNEST C. FIELD,
FRED C. BRITTON,
C. E. WILLIAMS,
Selectmen of Northfield.

A true copy. *Attest:*
F. W. DOANE, *Constable.*

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

FRANKLIN SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Northfield in the County of Franklin, GREETING.

IN THE NAME OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said Town of Northfield the Third day of November, 1914, at Nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to bring their votes on one ballot, for the following officers:—

Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer,

Auditor, Attorney General, Congressman, Councillor, Senator, Representative in General Court, District Attorney, Register of Probate and Insolvency, County Commissioner, Acceptance of an act to abolish party enrolment, Acceptance of an act to make Saturday a half-holiday for laborers, etc., employed by the commonwealth.

The polls will be open at Nine o'clock a.m. and close at Four o'clock p.m.

A Special Town Meeting will be called at Ten o'clock a.m. Tuesday, the Third day of November, 1914, to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator.

ART. 2. To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Two Thousand dollars to replank the Bennett Meadow bridge and make other necessary repairs, or act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at the following Post Offices: Northfield, East Northfield, West Northfield, Northfield Farms and School House District No. 6 in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this Twenty-Fourth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fourteen.

ERNEST C. FIELD,
FRED C. BRITTON,
CHARLES E. WILLIAMS,
Selectmen of Northfield.

A true copy. *Attest:*
F. W. DOANE, *Constable.*

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

NORTHFIELD, MASS.

1914

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

LEON R. ALEXANDER, Chairman.....1915
F. L. DULEY, Secretary.....1916
W. W. COE.....1917

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

ELMER F. HOWARD, East Northfield

ATTENDANCE OFFICER

F. W. DOANE, Deputy Sheriff

JANITOR AT THE CENTER

MR. FRANK PEROULD

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 1915

Schools close	March 12	
High School closes	March 19	
Schools commence	March 29	
Schools close	June 18	
High School closes	June 25	
Schools commence	Sept. 6	
Schools close	Dec. 17	
High School closes	Dec. 22	
Schools commence	Jan. 3,	1916

Thanksgiving recess from Wednesday to the following Monday.

To the Citizens of Northfield:

Your School Committee respectfully submit the following report of their expenditures for the financial year ending Dec. 31, 1914. This report covers the expenditures of eleven months only, this being the first time that the fiscal year has coincided with the calendar year.

Resources

Balance from last year,	$169 82
Appropriation,	7500 00
Tuition received,	455 50
Interest,	240 48
From State for High School,	500 00
From State on account of Superintendent,	500 00
Total,	$9365 80

Expenditures

Superintendent of Schools, 10 months,	$600 00
Supervisors,	324 00
High School principal,	1000 00
High School assistants,	787 50
Elementary School teachers,	3283 50
High School text books,	135 17
Elementary School text books,	105 41
High School supplies,	74 45
Elementary School supplies,	117 30
High School Janitor,	207 37
Elementary School Janitors,	325 50
High School fuel,	258 50
Elementary School fuel,	383 58

Miscellaneous expenses,	31 07
Repairs at High School,	34 98
Repairs at Elementary School,	672 59
Transportation,	912 08
Sundries,	91 93
Total,	$9344 93

Superintendent and Supervisors

Mr. E. F. Howard, Supt., 10 months,	$600 00
Miss D. Maud Bellis, Sup'r of Drawing,	95 00
Miss Myrtle Ash, Sup'r of Singing,	89 00
Miss Asenath H. Landers, Sup'r of Drawing,	75 00
Miss Mabel Rodowsky, Sup'r of Singing,	65 00
Total,	$924 00

High School Teachers

Mr. C. E. Hicks, Principal,	$1000 00
Miss Agnes M. Foreman,	225 00
Miss Elsie M. Kelloway,	225 00
Miss Ellen J. Howard,	168 75
Miss Charlotte E. Reid,	168 75
Total,	$1787 50

Elementary Teachers

Miss Sue A. Thompson,	$478 75
Miss C. Bess Rolfe,	391 50
Miss Ruth D. Sheldon,	367 00

Miss Viola E. Haven,	491 25
Miss Lottie E. Evans,	367 00
Miss Lucy C. Weatherhead,	170 00
Miss Bernice Cummings,	119 00
Miss Mary E. Dalton,	294 00
Miss Maybelle Rayguse,	170 00
Miss Katharine Callaghan,	165 00
Miss Maud Pearce,	150 00
Miss Amy Lawson,	120 00
Total,	$3283 50

Janitors

Mr. Frank Perould, High School,	$207 37
Mr. Frank Perould, Elementary School,	180 00
Mr. Philip J. Howard, East Northfield,	48 50
Miss Katharine Callaghan, West,	10 00
Miss Amy Lawson, No. 6,	7 50
Miss Mabel Roguse, West,	15 50
Mr. Albert J. Anderson, No. 3,	18 00
Miss Helen Parker, No. 3,	2 00
Miss Bernice Cummings,	10 50
Miss Mary E. Dalton, No. 6 and Farms,	17 50
Mrs. Clara J. Smith, Farms,	5 00
Mr. C. I. Holton, West,	11 00
Total,	$532 87

Books and Supplies

E. E. Babb & Co.,	$251 95
Ginn & Co.,	60 07

L. E. Knott Apparatus Co.,	7 04
American Book Co.,	35 05
J. L. Hammett Co.,	9 50
Northfield Press,	20 75
Alvin George,	8 06
A. N. Palmer Co.,	4 24
D. C. Heath & Co.,	13 47
Robbins & Evans,	8 85
G. N. Kidder,	10 20
E. B. Buffum,	3 15
Total,	$432 33

Fuel

Mrs. J. E. Merriman, for No. 3,	$ 15 00
G. O. Dunnell, coal,	243 65
Thomas Quinlan, slab wood,	57 00
Evans Bros., slab wood,	7 50
F. C. Britton, coal,	276 73
A. A. Dunklee, sawing wood,	7 20
C. I. Holton, for West,	15 00
R. E. Shearer, for Farms,	20 00
Total,	$642 08

Repairs

Mr. C. L. Johnson, West School,	$286 79
Mr. H. M. Bristol, Center School,	119 07
Mr. J. R. Colton, West School,	51 75
Mr. E. C. Gerrish, West School,	131 00
Messrs. Evans Bros., lumber for West School,	36 87

Mr. C. I. Holton, grading at West School,	10 25
Mr. J. L. Dunnell, trucking,	4 00
Mr. N. W. Keet, repairing sewing machine,	6 60
Mr. A. W. Wallett, labor at Center School,	4 23
Mr. Lewis Fowler, labor at West School,	29 61
Mr. H. H. Mason, labor at West School,	16 50
Mr. F. W. Williams, labor on tennis court,	9 00
G. E. L. & P. Co., repairs at High School,	1 90
Total,	$707 57

Transportation

Mr. G. H. Lyman, No. 3 and No. 9,	$357 50
Mr. Joseph Bassett, West Northfield,	350 00
Mr. H. C. Holton, two boys,	40 00
Mr. F. H. Davis, one girl,	20 00
Mrs. Nellie A. Dresser, one boy,	31 00
Mr. Otis Fisher, two boys,	61 00
Mrs. George Perry, one boy to Wendell Depot,	12 00
Mr. A. Richter, one boy to Erving,	8 00
Mr. Philip Kavanaugh, one-half R. R. fare,	18 08
Mr. F. W. Ruggles,	14 50
Total,	$912 08

Miscellaneous Expenses

A. S. Merrill, labor,	$ 4 00
C. E. Williams, supplies,	27 07
Total,	$31 07

Sundries

E. F. Howard, to pay small bills,	$50 00
Northfield Press, printing,	14 50
Lyman's Orchestra, for graduation,	8 50
Elsie M. Kelliway, travel,	5 68
C. H. Webster, legal services,	1 25
Winchester Creamery, ice-cream for graduation,	12 00
Total,	$91 93

Respectfully submitted,

L. R. Alexander,
F. L. Duley,
W. W. Coe,
School Committee.

To the School Committee of the Town of Northfield:

I have the honor to submit the following report of the Public Schools:

The statistics following are taken from the report made to the State Board of Education in July, 1914, and they relate to the school year closing June 30 of that year. Appended to this report will be found reports from the Principal of the High School, the teacher of Domestic Art and Domestic Science, the Supervisors, and the School Physician, to which your attention is earnestly directed.

Teachers for the School Year 1914-1915

Principal of the High School
Mr. C. E. Hicks, A. B., Bates College

Assistants in the High School
Miss Ellen J. Howard, A. B., Wellesley College
Miss Charlotte E. Reid, B. S., Simmons College

Center Grammar School
Miss Sue A. Thompson

Intermediate School
Miss C. Bess Rolfe

Primary School
Miss Ruth D. Sheldon

East Northfield Grammar School
Miss Viola E. Haven

East Northfield Primary School
Miss Lottie E. Evans

West Northfield School
Miss Katharine Callaghan

No. 3 School
Miss Maude Pearce

Northfield Farms
Miss Mary E. Dalton

No. 6 School
Miss Amy S. Lawson

Supervisor of Singing
Miss Mabel Rodowsky

Supervisor of Drawing
Miss Asenath H. Landers

Number of public day schools,	10
Number of persons in town between 5 and 15 years of age,	264
Boys, 134. Girls, 130.	
Number of persons in town between 7 and 14 years of age,	189
Boys, 93. Girls, 96.	
Total enrollment for the year ending June, 1914,	304
Number under 5 years of age,	2
Number over 15 years of age,	47
Number between 7 and 14 years of age,	180
Average membership in the public schools,	271.52
Average attendance,	253.91
Per cent of attendance,	93.15
Number completing Grammar School course,	18
Boys, 9. Girls, 9.	
Number of teachers,	12
Man, 1. Women, 11.	
Number graduates from college,	3
Man, 1. Women, 2.	
Number graduates from normal school,	4
Aggregate number months schools were in session,	91
Average number months schools were in session,	9 m. 2 d.
Number of high schools,	1
Length of high school in months and days,	10 m.
Number of teachers on full time,	3
Number of special teachers on part time,	2
Number of pupils in High School,	73
Boys, 29. Girls, 44.	
Number entering first year of High School,	27
Boys, 9. Girls, 18.	

Number of graduates from High School, 10
Boys, 4. Girls, 6.

TABULATED STATEMENT FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR OF 1913 AND 1914, ENDING JUNE 30, 1914

	No. weeks of school	Total enrollment	Average membership	Average attendance	Under 5	Over 15	Between 7 and 14	Per cent of attendance
High School,	40	73	64.9	62.2	0	41	13	95.8
Northfield Grammar School,	36	32	28.3	27.3	0	4	19	96.4
Northfield Intermediate School,	36	36	29.6	27.9	0	0	33	94.
Northfield Primary School,	36	27	21.4	19.5	0	0	7	90.5
East Northfield Grammar School,	36	33	30.3	28.4	0	2	30	93.5
East Northfield Primary School,	36	24	23	21	0	0	18	91
West Northfield School,	36	38	30.4	29.9	2	0	22	91.9
No. 3 School,	36	24	16.4	14.2	0	0	14	86.5
Northfield Farms School,	36	20	16.4	13.2	0	0	16	89.6
No. 6 School,		11	10.8	9.4	0	0	8	86

Repairs at West Northfield

At an expense of somewhat more than $500 the schoolhouse at West Northfield has been provided with a system of sanitation and heat in accordance with plans approved by the Inspector of Plans for Public Buildings. Water was brought to the building from the house of C. I. Holton and drainage was obtained by means of a septic tank and a covered cess-pool. Ventilation is provided by means of a galvanized vent-stack reaching through the roof. It is expected that ample heat and proper ventilation can now be had at all times.

No. 3 School

This schoolhouse is not now heated sufficiently or provided with proper sanitation, and it is the opinion of your Superintendent that funds should be provided so that a cellar may be excavated, suitable walls and underpinning built, and systems of sanitation and heat installed. This will probably cost $350. It seems probable that the clapboards should be removed and paper placed underneath. This will probably make it necessary to repaint the building. While this will be a somewhat expensive repair, it is very much needed for the comfort and health of the pupils.

Other School Buildings

The school building at the Center and the one at East Northfield need painting, and the one at No. 6 needs underpinning. Some years ago, an appropriation was made for completing the installation of flush closets at Northfield Farms. Owing to the dry seasons that have persisted for

several years, water from the expected source of supply has thus far been lacking to complete this improvement; it is very desirable that some other source of supply be found, and the money required be reappropriated. Water can probably be obtained from some part of the bed of the stream that runs nearby. The interior of the Center School building also needs thorough renovation.

The High School

As the years have passed the efficiency and usefulness of this school have increased until it would seem a misfortune of no small proportions to discontinue it. Last year a course of domestic science was added; this year another course has been offered, so that now both cooking and sewing are taught.

It would be a matter of great satisfaction if we could offer courses to the boys that would compare with the domestic science for the girls. To do this would require another teacher and a department of manual or industrial teaching. If we could establish an agricultural department in our High School, the state would bear a large part of the expense for teaching service and equipment. An appropriation of $600 would probably be sufficient for the inauguration of this course, and a similar sum would be required annually to maintain it.

Tenure of Office and Retirement Allowance

On the beginning of this school year the tenure of office and retirement allowance laws became operative. By the terms of the first, any teacher who has served in our public

schools for three years and has then been re-elected has permanent tenure until dismissed by the school committee. It is also provided that the committee shall not dismiss such a teacher without notification of their intention to do so, assignment of the reasons for the dismissal, and giving the teacher an opportunity to be heard in his own defense. Three of our teachers are now upon tenure.

By the plan for a retirement allowance, all new teachers and all former teachers who so desire, contribute an amount not less than $35, and if the salary is more than $700 five per cent thereof until the contribution is $100, each year to a fund held by the state from the income of which and from a pension given by the state, a retirement allowance may be paid to a teacher retiring from the service after the age of 60 years.

Ten of the teachers of Northfield are now members of the Retirement Association, five by choice and five because they are new teachers.

Suggestions for Improvement

The tendency is strong in all towns and cities of this state to improve and amplify school conditions; domestic science, agriculture, hand work, business practice, physical culture, supervised play, and thrift, are included among the activities of such school systems as are able to consider only the welfare of the pupils unhampered by the usual financial limitations. We hope to make occasional additions to the equipment of our schools as opportunity offers. It is the purpose to equip the Northfield Farms School with a bench and tools for manual work for the boys at once, the order for them having already been sent. This is made possible by the trustees of the Alexander fund, whose income is

devoted to the interest of that particular school. One school in Gill has been similarly equipped recently and the boys, under the supervision of their teacher and of the Supervisor of Drawing, are building a bungalow in a very workman-like fashion. It is to have a cement underpinning, hard-wood floors of quartered oak, paneled doors, window casings and window sash, clapboards, shingles and electric lights. I believe it will be a very worthy piece of work and a great credit to those who have been unsparing in their efforts to make it a success. It is not possible to undertake a project so ambitious as this with the ordinary woman teacher, but something can usually be accomplished if a small equipment of tools and material is provided. The teacher in the Gill School, to which allusion has been made, is a man who has had some experience as a carpenter.

In concluding this report, I wish to express my gratitude to the teachers for their hearty co-operation and for their deep interest in our common work,—the recompense for which, in a large part, lies in the satisfaction of having done well for the children intrusted to us.

Appreciation is full and hearty to the citizens of the town who make the appropriations necessary for school maintenance. This burden rests very unequally upon the towns and cities of this state, and varies from the maximum of $13.06 on one thousand dollars of valuation to a minimum of $.48 on a thousand,—valuation of 1912.

The State Board of Education is now suggesting to the General Court some plans for equalizing this burden, and it is hoped that this group of towns may profit by the new legislation anticipated. The average burden for the state by the valuation of 1912 was $4.45 on a thousand; for Northfield it was $4.97, and 214 towns and cities paid more than Northfield. This indicates that this town pays a tax

for the support of her schools smaller than that paid by more than one-half of the 353 towns and cities in the state. This tax is a contribution of the town to the welfare of her children at a time when they are unable to speak for themselves or to plan for themselves. It is, then, the policy of the town to accept the suggestions of those appointed to speak for and in behalf of the children in making their appropriations for the public schools. For the public spirit of the past school officials are grateful, and from the past they take hope and confidence for the future.

Respectfully submitted,
ELMER F. HOWARD.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

To the Superintendent of Schools:

My third year as your principal is going along under very favorable conditions. The same spirit of loyalty and goodwill characterizes students and teachers alike. I have never known a better spirit among a student body than is manifest here.

Miss Howard and Miss Reid have adjusted themselves to their work and are handling it with credit.

A new supply of "The Laurel" Song Books has added to the interest in music, and good results are being secured under the leadership of Miss Rodowsky.

We regret that we could not continue to give drawing upon the basis of half a credit for a year's work. However, Miss Landers is able to give one day to the High School every two weeks, and a small number of students are profiting well by her instruction.

Our present enrollment is sixty-five, which happens to be exactly the number enrolled one year ago. The attendance is very regular. There are few instancs of unnecessary tardiness or absence, thanks to the co-operation of parents.

The work goes on as usual in the college preparatory subjects. Our program of studies is designed to fit our students to go to college directly from this school. While an effort is made to adapt the courses to minds of all grades of maturity, students who apply themselves faithfully to their work for four years should be able to pass the examinations of the College Entrance Examination Board.

We are also giving courses in Cooking, Sewing, Bookkeeping and Community Civics. The number of students taking these courses and their evident enjoyment of the work is sufficient proof that they have a place in this school.

Lunches have been served at cost on three days of the week. On the other two days, the seniors have taken charge of the lunches, contributing the food and adding the proceeds to their Washington fund. It might be appropriate to say that the senior girls in their noon-day lunches and in occasional "spreads" give evidence of the value of their training in Domestic Science.

We still have our teams of basket ball and base ball, although the difficulties of equipment and financial support are still unsolved. The expense of two dollars per evening for basket ball practice has been borne by those who practice and it has been a serious drain. However, we are proud of the fact that every team we support is composed of High School fellows only, and we shall continue the policy of keeping the membership of the teams within the school as long as we support High School athletics.

The fact is self evident that our assistant teachers are very poorly paid. In the three years that I have been here,

I have had three entirely new sets of teachers. You have been very fortunate in your selection, but the fact remains that frequent changes of teachers result in loss to the school. If the minimum salary might be raised and an increase given annually until a certain maximum were reached, we might be able to keep our teachers with consequent advantage to the school.

In conclusion, let me say that your principal and your teachers are working hard for the good of the students and of the school. We ask you to pardon our sins of omission and commission, remembering only the spirit that prompts our acts.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES E. HICKS,
Principal.

Mr. E. F. Howard, Superintendent of Schools:

Dear Sir:—In reply to your request for a report of the work being done in the newly organized Domestic Art Course, I hereby submit the following report.

The course was opened to the members of the school as a whole, not restricting it to any one class. Twelve pupils responded and the present class consists of two Seniors, three Juniors and seven Sophomores. By a vote of the class taken at the beginning of the year, it was decided that they should furnish the materials used and by so doing should be allowed to own the articles made. The class meets twice a week, on Monday and Tuesday, for a double period.

The aim of the course is to give instruction in the principles underlying good sewing, which are accuracy, care and forethought.

The first thing attempted was the giving of directions for

the various stitches and then the application of these stitches in making an iron holder. Upon the completion of this a feather stitching, and then a buttonhole sampler were made and kept for future reference. These were followed by a cooking apron, and next a kimono night gown, trimmed with lace and insertion, which called for the knowledge of how to sew on lace to a finished edge and how to join the ends of the lace. At the present time the class is about to complete the making of long kimonos.

Note books have been kept, containing all the directions for stitches and for making the various articles. Written examinations have been given at the end of each eight-week period, which called for the ability to give similar directions in a clear and concise manner.

Our one sewing machine, which required overhauling at the beginning of the year, has rather disappointed us by its seeming inability to stay in repair. This has necessitated more hand work and made the progress of the course slightly slower than it might otherwise have been, but as the course aims to procure efficiency in hand sewing more than ability to run a sewing machine, this has some advantages as well as disadvantages. If the course is continued in the coming year, I feel that it would be desirable to have at least one more sewing machine if possible.

As the year progresses the girls are learning both how to cut out articles from patterns and without patterns simply from dictated directions.

It is the aim and desire of the instructor to make the work as practical as possible and to create in the girls the desire, as well as the ability, to become good sewers.

The Domestic Science Class, as organized for the school year of 1914-15, consists of twelve members—five Seniors and seven Juniors. Of these only two took cooking last

year. In planning the course I have taken this into consideration and have tried to give the class practice in the cooking of practical dishes, which might easily be duplicated in their homes, and at the same time make the course advanced enough to avoid much repetition for the two members who took cooking last year. The problem to be met by the class as a whole was that of furnishing luncheon on three days a week to those members of the school who desire it, for the sum of ten cents apiece. The high cost of food materials, together with the necessity of remaining within this price limit, has made the problem a difficult one, but in planning the menus an effort has been made to have as much variety as possible, and at the same time to repeat the dishes in various methods of combination enough to give each girl a chance to cook every article. The order of work in the laboratory consists of dictation of the day's recipes, directions for work, choosing of the housekeeper (whose duty it is to maintain general order and neatness in the room throughout the lesson), and the actual preparation of lunch itself.

Aside from this preparation of lunch, which takes two periods daily on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, there is a recitation period once a week when the class meets for the purpose of discussing questions related to cookery. Note books are kept containing important points covered in these discussions, together with the recipes followed in the laboratory. So far, we have covered in class the following subjects:

Definitions of the Cooking Processes.
Table of Measurements.
Directions for Dishwashing.
Duties of the Housekeeper.

Classification of the Vegetables, *i. e.*, name, botanical family, part used, season, and price.

Care of Vegetables.

Cooking of Vegetables.

Food Principles—Protein, Fats, Carbohydrates and Mineral Matter.

Serving of Meals.

Directions for Bread Making and Care after Baking.

Salads and Salad Dressings.

Care, Purchasing and Storage of Eggs.

Milk—Its Composition, Care, and as a Carrier of Disease.

Manufacture of Cheese.

Food Requirement of the Human Body. (This we have not finished as yet.)

Just before Thanksgiving a slight innovation was made in the form of a luncheon given by the class to the teachers and to the members of the class itself. The food for this luncheon was donated by the members of the class and every bit of the preparation was done by them. There was sufficient variety to allow for a fairly elaborate menu and the pupils entered into the affair heartily.

The girls have responded so ably and well this year that I feel very proud of them and I sincerely hope that this department will be felt to be a success by the parents and will be maintained by the school in the years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLOTTE E. REID,

Teacher of Domestic Art and Science.

Superintendent E. F. Howard, Northfield, Mass.:

Dear Sir:—I hereby submit the following report on the work done in Manual Arts in the public schools of Northfield.

Since September an outline, the same that is used in the towns of Deerfield, Sunderland, Whately, Hatfield, Leyden and Gill, has been followed faithfully. Thus far the schools have had in the upper grades nature studies, illustrative sketching, design and problems in construction with applied designs; in the lower grades, crayon handling, nature studies, illustrative cuttings and drawing, and simple problems in construction.

The pupils seem much interested in the work and very good results have been obtained. The Northfield Grammar School has done especially well in the illustrative sketching. The pupils here seem much interested in the manual work, for which the equipment is very poor. A set of good tools would be a great inspiration for more and better work to both pupils and teachers. The new manual training equipment to be put in at the Northfield Farms School will make much better results possible in the manual work done there.

Two lessons a week in drawing are given, the special teacher giving a lesson once in two weeks, all other lessons being given by the room teacher. The credit for the thoroughness of the work done belongs to those teachers.

At the High School the drawing has not been entirely satisfactory, on account of the small amount of time given to this work. Two days a month are given up to drawing, the pupils spending their free periods in the drawing class on those days. There are two classes—mechanical drawing and free-hand drawing. There are four pupils in the mechanical drawing class, and they have had mostly simple problems in working drawings. In the free-hand drawing

class there are ten pupils, and they have had nature studies, design, color harmony and some work in painting with water colors.

This constitutes the work that has been covered during the fall term.

Respectfully submitted,

ASENATH H. LANDERS,

Supervisor of Drawing.

Mr. E. F. Howard, Superintendent of Schools:

Dear Sir:—I am pleased to submit my first report as Supervisor of Music in the town of Northfield.

Many people regret that they did not learn to sing when they went to school. A musical talent or appreciation once developed will always be a pleasure to anyone, not only in singing or playing himself but in hearing others.

Music is being recognized more and more as an important factor in the school curriculum, and public school music today aims to give the children a thorough training in the fundamentals of music.

It is true that some children have less musical voices than others and will never be professionals in that subject, just as this is true in any other study, but many are encouraged to make this their vocation.

We aim for tune, reading, and time. During the primary grades children cultivate a sense of pitch and learn to sing in tune. I believe in much rote singing, and the primary grades have learned at least one rote song in two weeks. It is surprising to see how the little folks progress in music, especially those who could not imitate one tune correctly when they entered school. Much attention is given to beginners, because I believe that every child who can talk can learn to sing, if he is taught in his early school days.

The first steps for reading music are taught in the latter half of the first year and carried on through the grades with exercises, one-part songs, then two- and three-part. Part singing is begun in the intermediate grades and besides being interesting it means accurate and thoughtful preparation.

Time in music means "order." The time principles are taught as represented by seven different notations. No stamping of feet or tapping is allowed. The criticism is made, however, that children nod their heads. This is apt to be true, especially with primary children when they accent or pulsate a tone, but this is soon outgrown and simply shows that they feel the rhythm.

Much individual work is necessary, because "a class cannot be strong unless every member is strong." At least once a week in the upper grades and more often in the lower, each pupil is obliged to sing an exercise called a slip. This gives the teacher an exact idea of what the individual is doing, and develops habits of accuracy and self-control on the part of each pupil.

I found that the boys of Northfield were not singing. This is often true in many schools, but may be traced to two facts—they cannot read well and are afraid of their own voices. This is especially true in the upper grades with the boys with the changing voices. Individual slip singing has helped a great deal here and I am much pleased to report that the boys are now doing excellent work.

The music period in the High School is devoted to advanced chorus work and here, too, I have been much pleased with the response from all. At present we have not enough books, so that two pupils have to use the same one. More books are expected, and then we hope to have even better results.

In the districts, of course, the progress must be slower because the teacher, with so many grades, cannot give enough time to music. It is the regular teacher who must drill; the supervisor can only plan, correct and improve.

I have visited the High School each week and the other schools once in two weeks. Pupils are interested and working well; teachers are helping faithfully, and I feel that much progress is being made.

I try to make the music lesson a period of pleasure as well as work, because to do well in music everyone must be good-natured.

I am grateful for the support which I have received from the school officials and for the earnest help and interest of the teachers.

Respectfully submitted,

MABEL F. RODOWSKY,

Supervisor of Music.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Mr. E. F. Howard, Superintendent of Schools:

I beg to submit herewith my report as School Physician for the portion of the year ending December 31, 1914.

In the course of my duties I examined 279 pupils, and found their general health good and none with contagious or infectious diseases.

About one-third of the pupils had decayed teeth; yet this is a material decrease from the number reported by the school physician last year, and my examination showed that many had received dental treatment during the past year.

About one-half of the pupils had never been vaccinated, and the admission of these children to the schools is, in most

cases, contrary to Section six of Chapter forty-four of the Revised Laws, which, as amended, reads as follows:

> "A child who has not been vaccinated shall not be admitted to a public school except upon presentation of a certificate granted for cause stated therein, signed by a regular practicing physician that he is not a fit subject for vaccination."

Relative to the school buildings, I report as follows:

The interior of the center school should be thoroughly renovated and redecorated, to make it more pleasant and attractive; the sink in the main hall is very unsightly and unsanitary. It should be replaced by a porcelain-lined basin, with open plumbing. The bubbler should also be repaired.

The schoolhouse known as "No. 3" at the upper Farms should also be renovated. Particular attention is called to the toilets connected with this school, as they are in such a very unsanitary condition that steps should be taken at once to remedy the trouble.

I recommend a cement vault, carefully enclosed, with a ventilating stack; and (unless water can be obtained and a flush closet installed), the frequent use of sand and disinfectants in the vault.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. Newton,
School Physician.